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CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview



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During the month of June, Central Command experienced a 14.9% increase in the total number of crashes as compared to May. The majority of the increase was in the area of property damage crashes, 15 additional. Fatal crashes increased substantially, 4 in May to 8 in June; with 7 occurring in the final two weeks of the month. The alarming issue with the fatal crashes was that 8 of the 10 persons killed were not wearing occupant restraints. This is despite 922 occupant restraint citations being issued during May and June. These were the two highest months of enforcement during this fiscal year.

Overall enforcement increased by 4% when compared to May. There were increases in speed enforcement of 9.5% and hazardous moving violations of 8.3%. DUI arrests prior to crashes increased substantially, 81%.

Commercial enforcement personnel increased the number of commercial vehicles inspected by 56%, or 246 inspections. Part of the increase was due to the participation in the 72 hour road check during the first week of June. With the increase in inspections came an increase in the number of violations discovered and the number of drivers and vehicles placed out of service. The number of vehicles weighed remained relatively the same with 14 fewer weighed. Of the 673 dyed fuel inspections, 174 were conducted on secondary roadways during directed enforcement.

Traffic personnel conducted 279 Level 3 inspections, finding 492 violations and placing 28 drivers out of service. This program continues to be successful.

With the increases in the number of crashes and overall enforcement, support personnel experienced a corresponding increase as well. The Communications Center had a 5-7% increase in radio transmissions, CAD incidents generated and telephone calls. Front Office personnel had a 27% increase in the number of reports processed. These include accident, arrest, incident and officer reports.

Central Command personnel are to be commended for their efforts during June. Traffic operations produce the highest number of violations for the current fiscal year in June and Commercial personnel conducted the highest number of inspections for the current fiscal year in June.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	June-05		June-04	% Change		May-05	% Change
Total Crashes	131		101	29.7%		114	14.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	81		67	20.9%		66	22.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	42		30	40.0%		44	-4.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8		4	100.0%		4	100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	6		5	20.0%		3	100.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	10		4	150.0%		7	42.9%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	5		3	66.7%		4	25.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	3		0	300.0%		1	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	22		16	37.5%		20	10.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	15		11	36.4%		12	25.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	6		5	20.0%		7	-14.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 6.1%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 80.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 16.8%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ☒ Total crashes increased by almost 15% in June as compared to May. Injury crashes declined while property damage crashes increased over 22% and fatal crashes doubled to 8. Seven of the 8 fatal crashes occurred during the last two weeks of June.
- ☒ Ten people were killed in the 8 fatal crashes. Eight of the 10 were not wearing safety belts.
- ☒ There were 6 crashes in which driver impairment was a factor. This is an increase when compared to May and also June of 2004. This is despite an 81% increase in the number of DUI arrests prior to crash. The average BAC for those drivers involved in crashes was .135.
- ☒ There were 2 additional crashes involving commercial vehicles when compared to May. Even with this increase, the percentage of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to total crashes declined. Of the 22 crashes involving commercial vehicles, the commercial driver was a fault in 12 or 55% of the crashes. The one fatal crash involving a commercial vehicle was not the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

	June-05		June-04	% Change		May-05	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	6		5	20.0%		3	100.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	29		36	-19.4%		16	81.3%
Other Arrests	135		121	11.6%		100	35.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	71		79	-10.1%		51	39.2%
Speed violations	2237		1661	34.7%		2042	9.5%
Hazardous moving violations	286		217	31.8%		264	8.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	390		283	37.8%		532	-26.7%
Total violations [above violations included]	3882		2875	35.0%		3726	4.2%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	84		21	300.0%		48	75.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	19		15	26.7%		13	46.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	686		485	41.4%		440	55.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	151		192	-21.4%		110	37.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1223		799	53.1%		691	77.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	66		47	40.4%		52	26.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	59		15	293.3%		27	118.5%
Total school buses inspected	86		83	3.6%		39	120.5%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	16		19	-15.8%		5	220.0%
Total trucks weighed	268		166	61.4%		282	-5.0%
Total overweight citations	6		2	200.0%		11	-45.5%
Total dyed fuel inspections	673		465	44.7%		421	59.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
June-05	279	139	492	28	237	0
May-05	310	150	694	50	259	1
% Change	-10.0%	-7.3%	-29.1%	-44.0%	-8.5%	100.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ⊗ Overall enforcement increased by over 4% when compared to May and 35% when compared to June 2004. All specific areas of enforcement increased except for occupant restraint. Speed violations increased by 9.5% and hazardous moving violations increased by 8.3%. Occupant restraint violations declined by over 26%. This is due to the two week “Click It or Ticket” campaign in May in which several overtime shifts were utilized to increase enforcement. Other than May, the 390 occupant restraint violations issued in June were the highest for any month during fiscal year 2005.
- ⊗ DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by over 81%. During June, 29 persons were arrested prior to a crash. Much of this is attributed to the stepped up enforcement during the Elko Motorcycle Jamboree weekend in which 17 arrests were made. The average BAC was .165.
- ⊗ Commercial operations personnel increased violations in the area of hazardous moving violations by 75%. Other traffic related violations also increased.
- ⊗ The number of inspections conducted on commercial vehicles increased by almost 56%. During June 686 inspections were conducted. Some of the increase is attributed to the 72 hour check site held in conjunction with the national program. During this time frame, 253 inspections were conducted. With the increase in the number of vehicles and drivers inspected there was a corresponding increase in the number of violations discovered, along with the number of drivers and vehicles placed out of service.
- ⊗ The inspections of school buses increased as the end of the six month inspection time frame came to a close.
- ⊗ The number of vehicles weighed declined by 14; however the number of overweight citations issued decreased by almost half. Of the 268 vehicles weighed, 147 were on the interstate and the 121 weighed on secondary highways was accomplished in 149 hours of time.
- ⊗ Dyed fuel inspections increased by 60%. Of the 673 inspections, 174 were conducted on secondary roadways during 177 hours of directed enforcement time.
- ⊗ Traffic enforcement personnel conducted 279 level 3 inspections during June. This was a decline of 10% when compared to the 310 in May. There were 492 violations discovered with 139 citations issued and 28 drivers placed out of service.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	June-05	June-04	% Change	May-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	83,012	73,376	13.1%	78,253	6.1%
CAD incidents	11,021	8,769	25.7%	10,491	5.1%
Telephone Calls	13,023	N/A	#VALUE!	12,116	7.5%
Call Box Incidents	58	N/A	#VALUE!	47	23.4%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	134	71	88.7%	116	15.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	80	94	-14.9%	48	66.7%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	17	22	-22.7%	18	-5.6%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	228	N/A	#VALUE!	155	47.1%
Warrants Entered	468	357	31.1%	24	1850.0%
Warrants Cleared	123	290	-57.6%	461	-73.3%
Warrants Validated	2730	2479	10.1%	1997	36.7%
Extradition / Transports	4	N/A	#VALUE!	4	0.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	24	44	-45.5%	23	4.3%
New Items Submitted	101	116	-12.9%	84	20.2%
Items Disposed	715	4	17775.0%	40	1687.5%

Contract Service overtime was 9 contracts for 489.5 hours totalling \$28,180.

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- ☒ During June there was a 6% increase in the number of radio transmissions and a corresponding increase in CAD incidents generated of 5%. This can be attributed to the increase in crashes and enforcement stops by all personnel. Telephone calls increased by 7.5% and the call box call increased by over 23%.
- ☒ With the increase in the number of crashes and persons arrested, there was an increase in the volume of reports processed by Front Office personnel.
- ☒ The number of warrants received almost doubled and the number of warrants entered skyrocketed. The number of warrants validated increased by over 1/3.
- ☒ The number of new cases submitted to evidence remained relatively the same, but there was an increase in the number of items submitted associated with these new cases by 20%. The numbers of items disposed increased drastically due to evidence no longer needed being prepared for destruction.

PERSONNEL

- ☒ Tpr. Tony Crisp of Elko and Tpr. Jim Simpson of Winnemucca were honored by the Office of Traffic Safety during a banquet in June. They were honored for their efforts during the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign.
- ☒ Seven Division personnel attended a DPS PSTO school. Troopers Johnson, Burt, Franklin, Martinez, Beach, Beihl and PSD Mays attended. Representatives from Investigation Division and Parole and Probation attended the training as well.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ☒ A driver training class was held at Spring Creek High School with 30 students attending.
- ☒ A drug and alcohol abuse class was provided for Juvenile Probation in Elko with 15 students attending.
- ☒ Four persons attended the Family Vehicle Safety Program / Offenders Program as required by the court.
- ☒ A driver safety program was provided for 35 employees of Barrick Goldstrike mine.
- ☒ During June 11 child seats were inspected / installed.

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